

**CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON  
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 15-11**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE METRO REGIONAL GOVERNMENT'S ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE 2019-2020 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO CREATE A REGIONAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plan vision is "The most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities live healthy, interconnected lives" and

WHEREAS, when it is safe, convenient, and fun to walk to neighborhood schools, our children are healthier, our streets are safer for everyone, and our communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, kids that can safely walk and bike to their neighborhood school get regular physical activity and do better in school; and

WHEREAS, our kids who most need more opportunities for physical activity often don't have safe routes for walking or biking to school; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive Safe Routes to School programs have proven successful at getting more kids to bike and walk to school; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School programs are a cost-effective way to improve children's health, make neighborhood streets safer for everyone, engage community members in promoting healthy and safe choices, and reduce school-related congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the value of Safe Routes to School in meeting its goals and realizing its Strategic Plan vision; and

WHEREAS, new funding is needed to sustain Safe Routes to School programs in the City; and

WHEREAS, new funding is needed to continue running Safe Routes to School programs in the Tigard-Tualatin School District and to serve every Tigard student; and

WHEREAS, the cost of fully funding Safe Routes to School for all students in the tri-county metropolitan region would be \$56.5 million, and the gap between existing funding and the total need to serve every kid is approximately \$40 million;

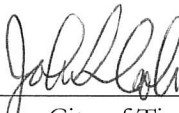
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

SECTION 1: The Tigard City Council requests that the Metro Regional Government establish policy direction for the 2019-2020 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program that creates a regional Safe Routes to School program with a competitive grant application process to


fund safety projects and programs that encourage walking, biking and transit use by K-12 students throughout the greater tri-county metropolitan region.

SECTION 2: This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED: This 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
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Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Recorder - City of Tigard